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Security Council steps up global cooperation against terrorism

On 6 March a special meeting of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism was convened at United Nations Headquarters to bring together the representatives of all international, regional and subregional organizations with counter-terrorism programmes. The special meeting was called following the ministerial meeting of the Security Council on 20 January, which set objectives for global counter-terrorism activity over the coming period in a declaration adopted in resolution 1456 (2003).

Participants in the meeting on 6 March agreed that all invited organizations had a specific role to play in enhancing the effectiveness of global action against terrorism. While each had its own mandate and its own contribution to make, all recognized the high value of cooperation at the global level. They agreed that their coordinated approach to the suppression of terrorism would be based on the following:

- *Information*: the sharing of data and best practices relevant to global cooperation.
- *Complementarity*: organizations will focus on what they do best while avoiding duplication of effort and waste of resources.
- *Independent effort*: within the overall coordination structure, each organization will pursue its own mandate and initiatives with greater urgency.
- *Political momentum*: regional and subregional organizations will ensure that counter-terrorism is given a high priority by member Governments within the framework of their implementation of resolution 1373 (2001).

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Specific action points were provisionally agreed by the participants, subject to approval by their operational headquarters:

- All international, regional and subregional organizations would communicate to each other and the Counter-Terrorism Committee international best practices codes and standards relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001), and information about their activities and mechanisms in the counter-terrorism field.
- Regional organizations would develop and maintain mechanisms to assist their members to meet their international obligations in the area of counter-terrorism.
- All organizations would make an effort to reduce duplication of effort and overlapping activities, in particular by increasing cooperation and by sharing information wherever possible (with due regard to confidentiality) and by making full use of designated contact points.
- Organizations would invite each other's representatives and representatives of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, to attend meetings of interests.
- They would remain aware of the interaction between their activities and human rights concerns, and of the need for respect for the rule of law and human rights obligations.

The Counter-Terrorism Committee offered to take the following practical steps to assist international, regional and subregional organizations in combating terrorism:

- Maintain, update and circulate a list of contact points in all international, regional and subregional organizations and in Member States, to establish a network of contact points responsible for the exchange of information on a global basis.
- Update annually its inventory of relevant activities, mechanisms and institutions of international, regional and subregional organizations.
- Develop its web site of advice and information for all concerned.
- Encourage its experts to keep in constant touch with and, as agreed by the Committee, attend relevant meetings of international, regional and subregional organizations.
- Bear in mind international best practices, codes and standards relevant to the implementation of resolution 1373 (2001).
- Liaise with regional organizations in developing their roles on counter-terrorism consistent with their mandates and developing programmes for encouraging or assisting States members of those organizations to meet the requirements of resolution 1373 (2001).
- Liaise with international organizations, including the international financial institutions, on the provision of assistance to States in the areas covered by resolution 1373 (2001).

Participants warmly welcomed this first collective opportunity to improve their understanding of each other's activities. Initiatives flowing from a deeper awareness

of needs included the commitment of the African Union and the World Bank to work together on intensified counter-terrorism action at the African regional level.

They looked forward to further periodic meetings in the future, the next of which would be hosted by the Organization of American States and would bring together regional and subregional organizations.